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Members of the Filipino Association of Nova Scotia perform a traditional dance during the Multicultural Festival on Sunday afternoon in Halifax. This marked the 30th anniversary of the festival, which closed Sunday after opening on June 15. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Murder suspect stabbed in jail

Burnside facility.

Thomas Barrett injured in attack by five inmates

A Nova Scotia man accused of murdering two young women is now in hospital with life-threatening injuries after an attack at the Burnside Jail.

A source confirmed to Metro that Thomas Ted Barrett, 39, from Glace Bay, was stabbed several times by five other inmates in the day room at the correctional facility late Saturday afternoon.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states the victim was rushed to hospital with injuries described as life-threatening.

On Sunday, Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders said there was no word on the man's prognosis.

"Still in serious condition; I haven't had any updates other than that," she said.

Saunders couldn't reveal



Thomas Ted Barrett THE CANADIAN PRESS

the man's identity or why he was in the jail.

Barrett, who was set to stand trial in Dartmouth on Monday on assault charges, is facing two counts of second-degree murder in Cape Breton related to the deaths of Laura Jessome in 2012 and Brett Elizabeth MacKinnon in 2006.

Jessome, 21, disappeared in May 2012 and her remains were found inside a hockey bag floating on the Mira River

near Marion Bridge several weeks later.

MacKinnon, also 21, disappeared in 2006. Her remains were discovered by hunters just outside Glace Bay in 2008.

Barrett is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in July on the murder charges, as well as unrelated charges of robbery and armed robbery.

Saunders said investigators haven't been able to interview the victim yet, and it's not clear what prompted the attack.

The five accused will appear in Dartmouth provincial court to face charges at a later date, which hasn't been set.

"Where they're already in custody, it's a little different procedure," said Saunders. "It's not like they have to appear in court (Monday) morning like they normally do."

The five accused are facing charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

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Bloomfield developer can 'think differently'

Consultation. Locals voice their thoughts on all facets of the future mixed-use project



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Ideas that emerged from the first public consultation session on the new Bloomfield development covered everything from the philosophical — the vision and “feel” of the project — to the utterly practical, like, “How high is too high?”

“Bloomfield will be inherently unique because it has as different purpose, a different reason for being,” Lydon Lynch principal architect Eugene Pieczonka told the crowd at the Bloomfield Centre on Sunday. “We need to think differently ... we need to think innovatively and we need to embrace change.”

The Housing Trust of Nova Scotia is planning a mixed-use development on the site of the school-turned-community-centre that will include affordable housing, community, retail and commercial space.

Participants at Sunday's consultation session jotted their thoughts on Post-it notes affixed to large placards covering everything from public art to parking to the design.

Across the board, the feedback focused heavily on the need for amenities and services for low-income residents, and a more broad-based need for affordable housing.

“You're going to see a lot



Ainslee Umlah, left, Karen Filbee-Dexter and Nick Werner paste some artwork on a wall at the Bloomfield Centre during an on-site festival on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

of people coming to the north end of Halifax, and we definitely need the housing — but they have to be able to afford it. We can't turn into a Fort McMurray,” said life-long north-end resident Chris Poole.

Embracing the arts, creative industries and above all local business was a common theme on ideas for the commercial, retail and community space.

“If there's going to be merchants, we should stick to local

Quoted

“This, in my opinion, will be the flagship for the way social housing, mixed-income, mixed-use housing will be in Nova Scotia. That's why it needs to be done right.”

Joanne Bernard, Nova Scotia community services minister

merchants, and no chains,” said north-end resident Lori Cadelli, echoing several Post-it notes.

Some of the ideas were

contradictory, and participants acknowledged that not everything would get done.

But everyone agreed con-

sultations should continue to achieve a development that reflects the surrounding area and Bloomfield's own richly textured history.

“It has to work for not only the people who live here and work here, but the people who live close to here,” said Fuller Terrace resident Kathleen Flanagan. “It has to be visually pleasing, esthetically satisfying, inspiring, and really just speak to the needs of people.”

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Uniacke Square gets beautified

Ninth edition.

Annual event helps bring community, police together

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The street was closed and a festive atmosphere reigned at the ninth annual Community Beautification of Uniacke Square on Saturday, as people planted flowers, danced to music and enjoyed some food.

Participants came from all corners of the surrounding area to take in the festivities.

"This is more of a community event than it is a police event," said Supt. Robin McNeil of the Halifax Regional Police.

The police helped organize the day.

"We want to encourage people to take ownership of their community, whether that means planting something or getting to know us on a more personal level," McNeil said.



A young girl gets her face painted at Saturday's Community Beautification of Uniacke Square event. BRAEDON CLARK/FOR METRO

Outside the front doors of the North End Parent Resource Centre on Uniacke Street, Joan Mendes handed out bright yellow

low bike helmets and boxes of juice.

Mendes has been involved with the beautification event

from the beginning and said she always looks forward to participating in it.

"The people get to enjoy

each other in a social setting," Mendes said as music blared over the loudspeakers and the smell of the barbecue wafted

Quoted

"You get all the kids out and playing. It's great."

Joan Mendes, an event organizer

through the air.

As McNeil said, the event has evolved to become one of collaboration between the police, the municipality and local residents.

McNeil said it's important to present the police as just another part of the community to residents, rather than as adversaries.

"The police have always been very helpful to us," Mendes said. "They work closely with us to make this happen."

As morning slipped into afternoon, early worries about rainy weather faded away as the sun came out.

"Some people asked me this morning if we were going to cancel," Mendes said with a laugh.

"I said, 'No, no way that's going to happen.'"

HOLLIS STREET BIKE LANE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

The Hollis Street bike lane is scheduled for implementation in summer 2014.

This lane was initiated through HRMbyDesign and developed through public consultation as part of downtown street network changes implemented in fall 2011.

Key features include:

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- Time-limited parking, loading and stopping will be permitted on the east side of the street only from Cogswell to Morris Street.
- From Morris to South Street, parking, stopping and loading will be available on both sides of the street.
- Some loading zones, accessible parking spaces, and taxi stands will be relocated.

Please drop by during one of two information sessions to view the proposed design, provide feedback on whether the proposed changes to parking and loading on Hollis St. will suit your needs, and speak with municipal staff.

When: Thursday, June 26, 2014, from 12-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.

Where: Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (front lobby), 1723 Hollis Street

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Speeding driver crashes head-on into RCMP car

Police in Nova Scotia engaged in a dangerous chase over the weekend that ended with a driver slamming head-on into a police car.

Colchester RCMP received a call at 4:30 a.m. Saturday of an erratic driver who proceeded to drive across the lawn of the RCMP Bible Hill detachment.

Officers pursued the vehicle through Truro, where the Truro Police Service helped out. The

Witnesses wanted

The RCMP in Colchester County are asking anyone who might have been a witness to the car chase to contact them at (902) 893-6820.

driver then got onto Highway 102 where he continued to

drive dangerously, which police noted was posing a risk to other motorists and officers.

The chase ended in Stewiacke, where the driver hit an RCMP vehicle head-on.

An 18-year-old from Pictou was arrested and both he and the officer involved in the accident were transported to the Colchester-East Hants Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. **METRO**

Dartmouth

Man with knife arrested before confrontation: Cops

Police in Halifax report that they stopped an armed man from confronting a group of people in Dartmouth Sunday morning.

Just after 1:30 a.m., police say they received a report of a man armed with a knife in the 0 to 100 block of Highfield Park Drive.

Police were told the man was ready to confront a group of people with whom he'd had

Dartmouth

an earlier conflict. Officers arrived on scene and a suspect was arrested without incident. Police also say a knife was recovered.

A 22-year-old Dartmouth man has been charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and is due in court at a later date. **METRO**

Dartmouth

Missing Lower Sackville woman found safe

Halifax police say they have lo-

cated a woman who had been missing for nearly three days.

Monika (Mikki) Selig, 26, never returned to her home in Lower Sackville after she was last seen on June 17 at 8:30 p.m. leaving a friend's residence on Best Street in Dartmouth.

From the beginning, police were concerned for her well-being as she suffers from a medical condition that requires ongoing treatment and medications.

On Friday night, police issued a release saying Selig had been located at 6:15 p.m. on Wyse Road in Dartmouth. **METRO**

Quinpool Road one of three in Canada to get makeover

Signature street.

More than 20 businesses get fresh coat of paint as part of Main Street Matters campaign

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Quinpool Road is one of Halifax's signature streets, and now it's gotten a facelift.

As one of three streets in Canada chosen in paint manufacturer Benjamin Moore's Main Street Matters campaign, more than 20 businesses on Quinpool Road received fresh coats of paint.

Quinpool was chosen as one of the winners in August 2013, three months after the contest was launched by Benjamin Moore.

At a ceremony on Saturday to commemorate the event, Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Mike Savage applied the final few brush strokes to the last paint job.

Coun. Jennifer Watts also got a few strokes in and had some time to reflect on why Quinpool is such an important part of her district and the city at large.

"This is a major arterial road, with 30,000 cars coming through a day, but it is still very friendly to pedestrians," Watts said. "There are lots of very cool small businesses here and something like Main Street Matters will only draw more attention to this area, which is great."

Karla Nicholson, general manager of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association,

Quoted

"Main streets do matter a great deal."

Karla Nicholson, general manager of the Quinpool Road Mainstreet District Association

pool Road.

"This will help shape our street and bring successful businesses to Quinpool," Nicholson said.

Of course, no street is perfect, and Watts said there is still more that can be done to make Quinpool Road an even better place to live, work and shop.

"I'd like to see more funds for streetscaping, more trees," Watts said. "Anything we can do to make the area more pedestrian-friendly. Installing a crosswalk at Monastery Lane is something I've heard a lot about."



Businesses along Quinpool Road, including the Greek Village, received a fresh coat of paint thanks to Quinpool Road coming in as one of the winners in the Benjamin Moore Main Street Matters contest. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nova Star bookings pick up steam



The Nova Star. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Nova Star Cruises says advance passenger bookings for trips throughout the season have been exceeding 1,000 each day for the past week.

With new promotional fare packages the company has released, Nova Star Cruises is hoping for a strong summer, the company says in a media release.

"With warm weather finally here, people in New England and Nova Scotia are ready to enjoy the summer," says company president and CEO Mark Amundsen.

The number of passengers travelling on the boat during the spring shoulder season had not been very high. Traditionally families don't travel during that time of the year, since children are still in school.

Along with warmer temperatures, Amundsen attributed the increased bookings to the company's marketing efforts, focused on attracting visitors to Nova Scotia, and its newly deployed pricing strategy featuring new rates and packages. YARMOUTH VANGUARD

Arrests. RCMP charge pair in connection with stolen credit cards

Members of the RCMP's Street Crime Enforcement Unit have made two arrests in connection with a series of thefts of credit cards in the Halifax area.

A 34-year-old man from Lantz and a 34-year-old female from Lower Sackville were arrested last Thursday at a traffic stop in Eastern Passage two days after the unit began investigating incidents

of stolen credit cards.

The cards were stolen after car windows were smashed in at the Salt Marsh Trail on Bissett Road and at Rainbow Haven Beach. Before the cards could be cancelled, they were allegedly used at various locations in the area.

There was also a similar incident at the MacDonald Sports Ball field in Waverley.

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Province invested \$60M in Daewoo plant despite 'unrealistic' job claims

Documents revealed.

NDP aware that jobs, revenue overstated; Nova Scotia now committed to wind tower project

The Nova Scotia government was told seven months after committing \$60 million to a wind tower manufacturing plant that claims of 500 jobs to be created within three years were "unrealistic," say documents obtained by The Canadian Press.

Internal government studies obtained through freedom-of-information legislation also show provincial government revenues and the economic impact to households were only fractions of what was originally projected.

The former NDP government announced with much



Percy Paris, a former economic development minister with the NDP government, is shown in this file photo.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

public fanfare in 2010 that it was taking a 49 per cent equity stake as part of a \$90-million refit of the former Trenton Works railcar plant after it was

bought by Korean-owned Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering. The plan was for DSME Trenton to eventually develop the capacity to pro-

duce 250 wind turbine towers and 200 blade sets per year.

But prior to the targeted May 2011 startup, it was already clear to the govern-

'Thriving'

A spokesman for DSME Trenton declined an interview request but in an email said business at the facility was thriving.

ment that the facility would face difficulties when it shifted its focus from building exclusively for DeWind, a DSME-owned wind turbine company, to seeking business with other clients. "DeWind does not have sufficient orders and DSME Trenton must undertake its own sales and marketing," said a March 2011 briefing note prepared for Percy Paris, then the economic development minister.

The documents show that by October 2011, despite meeting its first year target of more than 140 workers, the company had reduced its three-year employment estimate to

350 from 500.

By the end of January 2012, Paris was advised that the original projection of 500 jobs was "considered unrealistic" by his department's director of strategic services.

Liberal Economic Development Minister Michel Samson, whose party while in Opposition was highly critical of the provincial investment in DSME, expressed confidence in the company's future, adding that it now has 150 employees.

Samson said the plant has landed some "modest" contracts to build wind turbine towers and pressurized tanks for the offshore industry and is looking for potential spinoff work once the federal navy ship contract won by Irving Shipbuilding ramps up.

"The question is what can we do now to assist the company to find growth in new areas," Samson said.

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Albuquerque. Protesters put police chief 'on trial' over 40 recent shootings

Demonstrators advocating for drastic changes within a police agency criticized by the U.S. Justice Department over its use of force put the embattled police chief "on trial" during a rally Saturday.

Hundreds of protesters, including some who brought children, marched from Roosevelt Park with signs and a makeshift coffin inscribed with the names of people killed by Albuquerque officers in recent years.

The Police Department is under scrutiny for more than 40 police shootings — 26 of them fatal — since 2010, and the Justice Department has issued a harsh report over the agency's use of force.

The protesters marched peacefully Saturday before returning to the park to continue the rally.

The mock trial outlined how police Chief Gorden Eden has failed to stop his officers from using excessive force, said David Correia, one of the protest's organizers.

"He has to answer to these charges," Correia said. "They'll all be read before the public."

Eden, who took the job four

months ago while the Justice Department was wrapping up its investigation into the department, said in a statement that police talked to protest organizers and officers would provide traffic escorts for the marchers.

"We acknowledge their First Amendment rights to voice their concerns," Eden said. "Our job will be to protect public safety during the time they are in Roosevelt Park and while they are marching. Additional officers will be on call in case they are needed."

Previous demonstrations have roiled New Mexico's largest city. At one protest, riot police deployed tear gas toward a violent crowd. Another demonstration prompted city councillors to abruptly end a scheduled meeting.

Albuquerque and Justice Department officials are negotiating over reforms that federal authorities are expected to order in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, the police department has announced a number of new changes to training and has ordered officers to stop shooting at moving vehicles. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Pro-Russian fighters stand in line to write their signatures under text of an oath after taking the oath of allegiance to the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, on Lenin square in the city of Donetsk, Ukraine, Sunday. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Putin calling for Ukraine compromise

Insurgency. Moscow has rebuffed appeals of separatists in the east to join Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin publicly expressed support Sunday for Ukraine's declaration of a ceasefire in its battle against pro-Russian separatists and called on both sides to negotiate a compromise.

Putin said such a com-

promise must guarantee the rights of the Russian-speaking residents of eastern Ukraine, who must feel like they are "an integral part" of their own country. Putin's statement appeared to signal that he sees their future in Ukraine.

Separatists in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions have declared independence and asked to join Russia. Moscow has rebuffed their appeals, but is seen by Ukraine and the West as actively supporting

the insurgency. Putin's conciliatory words came as Russia began large-scale military exercises and after NATO accused Russia of moving troops back toward the Ukrainian border.

Putin appears determined to keep up the pressure to force the Kyiv government to give the eastern industrial regions more power and to prevent Ukraine from moving too close to the European Union or NATO. But he also wants to avoid more punishing sanctions from the U.S.

and particularly from the EU, whose leaders will meet Friday in Brussels, and therefore needs to be seen as cooperating with efforts to de-escalate the conflict.

The Kremlin initially dismissed the peace plan that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko laid out on Friday. But in a statement issued late Saturday, Putin said he welcomed the ceasefire and Poroshenko's "intention to take other concrete steps to reach a peaceful settlement."

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Orwellian conduct?

Thai police detain protester reading 1984

Police in Thailand arrested eight people Sunday for demonstrating against the nation's military junta, including a man who was dragged away by undercover officers for reading a copy of George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four outside one of

Bangkok's most luxurious shopping malls. The arrest was the first known case of anyone being detained for reading as a form of protest since the military seized power last month. Anti-coup protesters have staged several silent readings of the book elsewhere in the capital in recent weeks, saying its indictment of totalitarianism has become relevant since the army deposed the nation's elected government in a May 22 coup. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Quebec helicopter fugitives caught in posh Montreal waterfront condo

'We've got all three.'

Police say more arrests likely as investigation looks into possible outside accomplices

The three men who police say escaped from a Quebec City-area jail by helicopter two weeks ago were captured in the early morning hours on Sunday in an upscale Montreal condo.

Quebec provincial police say investigators, accompanied by SWAT team members, arrested Yves Denis, 35, Denis Lefebvre, 53, and Serge Pomerleau, 49, at around 1:30 a.m. inside the residence.

Sgt. Audrey-Anne Bilodeau said the investigation was ongoing and further arrests were likely.

"It could be a person who



An apartment is shown Sunday in Montreal, where three prison escapees were captured earlier in the day. Police say they will likely make further arrests in the case. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

helped them escape from prison, or a person who helped them hide from us," Bilodeau said.

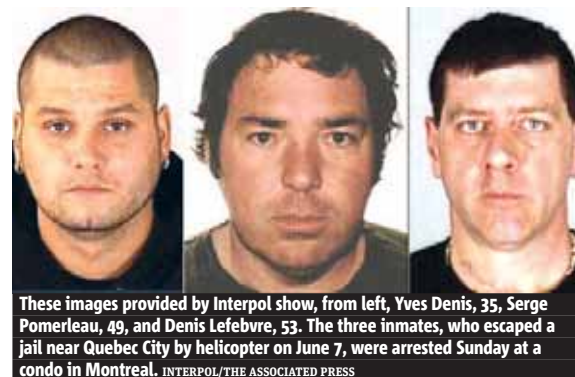
The trio were facing charges,

including gangsterism and murder, before the June 7 jailbreak.

They were to appear in a Quebec City court on Monday

to face fresh charges, but police didn't spell out what the new charges would be.

A woman who lives in the building where the arrests



These images provided by Interpol show, from left, Yves Denis, 35, Serge Pomerleau, 49, and Denis Lefebvre, 53. The three inmates, who escaped a jail near Quebec City by helicopter on June 7, were arrested Sunday at a condo in Montreal. INTERPOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

took place said she watched from her balcony as the men were escorted in handcuffs into a police van.

France, who gave only her first name, had recently returned from a tango class when she heard a commotion.

"I knew something important was happening," she

said. "I saw a police car arrive, then another, and then another ... And then I heard someone say, 'No, it's not a joke. We've got all three.'"

The condo was part of a ritzy new development in Old Montreal featuring a fountain courtyard, just steps from the historic waterfront.

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Mock phishing test hooks nearly 2,000 Justice staff

Net result

1,850

The mock exercise caught 1,850 employees, or 37 per cent of those who received the phoney emails — much more than the estimated five per cent of the general public who get fooled by similar scams.

Many of the Justice Department's finest legal minds are falling prey to a garden-variety Internet scam.

An internal survey shows almost 2,000 staff were conned into clicking on a phoney "phishing" link in their email, raising questions about the security of sensitive information.

The department launched the mock scam in December as a security exercise, sending emails to 5,000 employees to test their ability to recognize cyberfraud.

The emails looked like genuine communications from government or financial institutions, and contained a link to a fake website that was also made to look like the real thing.

Across the globe, an estimated 156 million of these so-called "phishing" emails are sent daily, and anyone duped into clicking on the embedded web link risks transferring confidential information — such as online banking passwords — to criminals.

The Justice Department's mock exercise caught 1,850 people clicking on the

phoney embedded links, or 37 per cent of everyone who received the emails.

That's a much higher rate than for the general population, which a federal website says is only about five per cent.

The exercise did not put any confidential information at risk, but the poor results raise red flags about public servants being caught by actual phishing emails.

A spokeswoman says "no privacy breaches have been reported" from any real phishing scams at Justice Canada.

Carole Saindon also said that two more waves of mock emails in February and April show improved results, with clicking rates falling by half.

"This is an awareness campaign designed to inform and educate employees on issues surrounding cybersecurity to protect the integrity of the department's information systems and in turn better protect Canadians," she said in an email.

"In this case, this exercise specifically dealt with the threat from phishing which is increasingly being used as an attack vehicle of choice by cybercriminals.

"As this project progresses, we are pleased that the effectiveness of this campaign is showing significant improvement."

A February briefing note on the exercise was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The document indicates there are more such exercises planned — in June, August and October — and that the simulations will be "graduating in levels of sophistication."

Those caught by the simulation are notified by a pop-up window, giving them tips on spotting malicious messages.

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Grow opportunity thwarted by court order

Pot predicament. Lack of local dispensaries and new federal rules that prohibit home-grows lead young man to buy off the street



JEREMY NOLA
Metro in Calgary

After suffering a stroke, it took 10 months for a south Calgary man to find a doctor willing to prescribe him marijuana.

And now, he says a lack of local dispensaries and new federal rules that prohibit home-grows have forced him to veer from the legal system and buy it on the street.

Health Canada aimed to criminalize home marijuana grows by April 1. A court injunction has prevented such measures from being fully implemented for the time being.

Still, many marijuana users say they've trashed their plants. A handful of

entrepreneurs have plans for commercial growing facilities in rural Alberta, but no suppliers have been established to date.

Bob, 20, whom Metro agreed not to fully identify, orders eight to nine grams per month at \$6-per-gram from a Vancouver-based supplier. It's cheaper than on the street, but he says the hassle of getting a prescription from doctors and the wait time for his shipment has led him to turn to illegal suppliers.

"(Doctors) were prescribing me OxyContin, Percocet and all these other drugs so quick," he says. "Then, when it comes to marijuana, they're all beating around the bush."

Health Canada has not agreed to an interview on the federal marijuana changes despite requests made by Metro over a period of months. They have instead issued statements clarifying that the drug is not formerly approved for use because it hasn't "gone through the necessary rigorous scientific trials for efficacy or safety."

The courts, however, have required the federal body to

provide "reasonable access" to marijuana.

But John, a Calgary cancer survivor, who Metro also agreed not to fully name, says the commercial product also lacks the same quality.

"It's kind of a joke," said John, who routinely smokes marijuana and has tried his hand at infusing the drug into muffins and butters.

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams have supported the move away from home marijuana growing, citing public safety.

John had hoped to erect a greenhouse to grow his previously approved marijuana allotment in the backyard of his northwest Calgary home, but abandoned those plans — and his plants — ahead of anticipated April 1 changes. Now, he keeps one meagre pot plant on a windowsill at home and buys the drug off the street for \$200 an ounce.

"It's killing me," he said of the cost. "I'm an old man. I don't know how much longer I have left on this planet, but I don't need to be fighting just to not be in pain."



John, a Calgary cancer survivor and marijuana user, is seen with his supply of the drug. He said the marijuana being commercially grown and shipped around Canada is "garbage" compared to what he had hoped to grow in his own backyard greenhouse. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO IN CALGARY

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Keep calm and carry on buying a home



HOW TO ROLL
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Just when you thought home prices couldn't possibly go higher, they have. The housing market is officially going crazy ... again. Having just posted the best May on record, up seven per cent on average nationally since last May, real estate continues to be the best

investment ever. Of course, that's only for those who got in before the torrid price moves of the last couple of years, particularly in hot markets such as Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.

Doomsayers around the globe have long been predicting a collapse of Canadian home prices. Just before Christmas, Deutsche Bank, a fairly sober institution, hysterically stated that home-sweet-home prices in the Great White North were

It's hot and it's cold

- Hottest real estate market: Northwest Territories, +23.7 per cent in last year
- Coldest real estate market: Yukon, -8.5 per cent in last year

overvalued by 60 per cent.

Proclamations like that get everyone jumpy, but none of them more so than

those who purchased recently or are in the process of doing so. Real estate anxiety is understandable since a home purchase is invariably our single largest investment.

If you are fearful of being shut out of the market or hoping to cash in on price climbs ahead, buying now is probably not a good idea. Behavioural economics tell us that the retail investor (whether purchasing real estate or stocks) tends to get

both manic and scared in the face of soaring prices. Those emotions propel us to make impetuous decisions.

Emotional investing also causes us to abandon normal due diligence. Eliminating standard conditional clauses such as a home inspection or financing can make an offer more appealing. But doing so adds considerable risk to the investment.

On the other hand, the impact of purchasing in an

inflated market is usually ameliorated by time. The longer the time frame, the less the effect on the investment, whether it is a rental or a primary residence.

We all want to buy low and sell high. But predicting future prices is a mug's game. If the investment of your life is affordable now, and after factoring in inflation and higher interest rates in the future, time will smooth out the downturns to come.

Fantasy fans bring in real cash to Northern Ireland

Giants, dragons and vengeful queens have for generations populated Northern Ireland's folk tales. Now, such creatures are visiting the land in a different version — on the sets for the hit TV show *Game of Thrones*. But rather than spells and destruction, they're bringing an economic boost to this British province still healing from its past of political violence.

Fans of the HBO fantasy drama would recognize here the landscapes from the fictional land of Westeros — the castle of Winterfell, the seaside cliffs of the Iron Isles and the King's Road leading to the north. About 75 per cent of the show is filmed in Northern Ireland, both in natural settings and in the Titanic Studios in Belfast.



Tourists pose for photographs on the North Antrim Coast, close to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and Larrybane headland. Larrybane was the dramatic spot chosen for Renly Baratheon's camp in Season 2 of *Game of Thrones*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Since the pilot episode began filming in 2009, attracted by the local government's financial incentives, the show's presence has helped foster a film industry that is

catching the eye of other Hollywood productions. And Northern Ireland is taking advantage of the attention by promoting the filming locations as tourist destinations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ronaldo who? Sloth takes star turn in Brazil

Tourists hold a sloth in Manaus, Brazil, on Sunday. Manaus is one of 12 cities hosting matches during the 2014 soccer World Cup. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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SPARKS, HOWE AND THE R WORD

Let me begin with this. I don't believe Lyle Howe was convicted of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman because he was black, or that "those that represent the white power structure" conspired to put down an uppity black lawyer.

David Sparks does. Sparks is spokesperson for a group planning a rally outside the law courts Wednesday to protest Howe's conviction. The group claims to have 4,000 Facebook supporters.

"I don't think lawyer Howe would be going through this if he were not a black person," Sparks told Rogers News 95.7 Thursday.

But Howe is not the first prominent Nova Scotia lawyer convicted of sexual assault. Paddy Fitzgerald, a lawyer, Tory MLA and Speaker of the Legislature — and member-in-good-standing of that white power structure — was sentenced to five years in jail for raping a client in his office in 1980.

Howe was charged in connection with a 2011 incident. He acknowledged having had consensual sex with the woman. But the



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Their confessions had been coerced.

What does that have to do with Lyle Howe's case?

Probably nothing. But consider: Howe's jury pool included few

Crown, which also charged Howe with administering a stupefying drug, a charge the jury dismissed, claimed the woman was too impaired to have consented.

The legal case turned on "consent," an inevitably fraught issue.

Like race. "Race is always a factor," Sparks argues.

As if to bolster Sparks' claim, the same day he appeared on the radio, the New York Times reported details of a \$40-million settlement of a wrongful conviction case involving five black and Latino teenagers accused of the brutal 1989 rape of a white jogger in Central Park. They were easy targets. The media portrayed the boys, who had confessed, as "wilding youth."

But in 2002, DNA evidence exonerated them.

Meanwhile

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blacks. And some potential jurors were excused because they didn't believe they could get past Howe's race. Then too there is that troubling, unrelated 2011 case in which authorities charged Howe with threatening a former client. The case was dismissed the day it was to be heard because the Crown concluded there was no "reasonable prospect of a conviction."

Does any of that raise flags? Perhaps. This is Nova Scotia. And we should never be too smug when it comes to race.

ZOOM

He's not just an ugly face



Peanut, a two-year-old mutt, "smiles" after winning the World's Ugliest Dog Contest, at the Sonoma-Marín Fair, in Petaluma, Calif. GEORGE NIKITIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bulging eyes + big heart = winner

Meet Peanut, a sweet, energetic mutt, whose wild white and brown hair, bulging eyes and protruding teeth helped him clinch the title of World's Ugliest Dog in Petaluma, Calif. over the weekend.

Although Peanut is healthy now, he was seriously burned as a puppy, resulting in bald patches all over his body.

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Homely champ to raise awareness

His owner, Holly Chandler of Greenville, N.C., hopes Peanut's victory will help raise awareness about animal abuse.

"We're trying to use him as a poster child for what can happen to animals who are abused," she said.

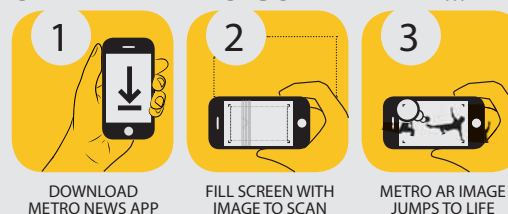
She plans to use the \$1,500 prize to pay for other animals' veterinary bills. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top-dog winning combo

- The dogs are scored by a three-judge panel in several categories, including special or unusual attributes, personality and natural ugliness.
- Past winners include a duck-footed beagle, a boxer-basset hound mix with a waddle, a Chinese crested and chihuahua mix with a protruding tongue and a chihuahua with a missing eye and a camel's back.

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Storm chasing in South Dakota



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Last week was a rough one, tornado-wise, including in our own country, with a twister touching down in Angus, Ont. that damaged several homes.

But this South Dakota storm system captured by a vehicle full of adrenaline junkies last week takes the cake. Several bright white vortices twist and dance around one another, wreaking havoc on anything in their path — including a farm that gets torn to pieces around the three-minute mark. (TVNWeather/YouTube)



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Want to hear the stripper-inspired White Lilies? Scan the photo with your Metro News app to listen to the song!

High on life and in a Haze

Rap. Angel Haze sits down to discuss strippers, sexuality, polygamy and why women are better to date ... oh, and she talks about her music, too

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Rapper Angel Haze is making the media as excitedly fidgety as a room of schoolboys who've stumbled upon a top-shelf mag. She's dating a girl. And she's a celebrity. It's Ireland Baldwin, the daughter of Kim Basinger and Alec Baldwin, which would make the "best of girl-on-girl lovers" lists in the tabloids, if such a thing existed.

Haze — real name Raykeea Angel Wilson — is happy for the press to have a field day with it. She's in a good place right now and is keen to move on from divulging the details of a frankly dismal childhood, when she was a victim of rape at the hands of so-called family friends. The 22-year-old Detroit native says she's ready for some "fun" with her next album, due out this summer, called *Troubled Child*.

Unlike her well-received but weak-on-sales debut album *Dirty Gold*, this one won't be leaked. Haze, who is on a Mary Jane high, talks strippers, sexuality and social media.

You've been teasing the press and public with images of you and Ireland Baldwin on social media. But before we get to that, why did you make a track on your debut album *Dirty Gold* about a different girl ... a stripper?

Oh my god, the girl from (music track) *White Lilies*.



22-year-old rap phenom Angel Haze is ready to move on from her past. CONTRIBUTED

She's beautiful!

What made her so special?

She's beautiful. I was obviously wasted and I wanted to experiment and learn things. I think at the time it was interesting to meet someone and not know anything about them or the stripper life, which you hear a lot of people talking about it, but you don't really know about it until you experience it.

In terms of your own life, the lyrics from your EP and *Dirty Gold* seem to be quite cathar-

tic. Have you moved on from that stage in your life now?

Yeah, definitely. I didn't realize that until I was doing some interviews early this morning, and I was completely exhausted by talking about my past. I was like an 18-year-old girl who had no clue that the world was paying attention and I was just making music because it was cathartic and a release for me and none of the other stuff mattered. Obviously it doesn't mean anything to me anymore, so talking about it is like beating a dead horse.

Now all of the other stuff matters: I've decided to have fun and I'm appreciative where I've landed in my life.

Your music connects with, amongst others, troubled young children. Do you see yourself as a role model?

I don't feel like a role model because that means I would do everything that I knew was right and I'm like a f—k-up.

Are you more 'real' and tangible?

Yeah, definitely but lots of people would disagree. Some people would think I was a whore or something — my friend over here is like 'uh huh' (laughs). It's cooler to just be real about it — it's not a fairy-tale life.

Do you feel like you're changing rap's attitude toward sexuality?

Oh, because I'm like openly queer or whatever? I suppose so, but I don't think people get it still. ... But I think I have female privilege because no one takes it seriously when it comes down to me. They're like, 'She's bisexual.' It will take someone bigger to change rap's attitude, but not me.

Are you a clingy kind of girl when it comes to relationships?

Nooo, I'm the entire opposite: I'm what people refer to as a 'thot.' I don't really do committed relationships, ever. It's insane if you find me in one. I'm usually very open ... a polygamist.

Who's better to date: girls or boys, and why?

I think girls are better than guys, but that's just me.

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Game of Thrones

Upcoming season to be strongest yet: co-creators

Some *Game of Thrones* fans are wondering if the show's next season might lack a little punch. But show co-creators David Benioff and Dan Weiss tell *Entertainment Weekly*: "Now that we're nearly finished with the first drafts of each episode, we see no reason why the coming season shouldn't be the strongest yet." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The 10 girls on every Bachelor season

Courtney Robertson.

Reality TV star dishes on the personalities that pop up on the show again and again

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Metro World News in New York City

A Bachelor tell-all is finally happening. Iron-clad contracts be damned, former Bachelor Season 16 winner Courtney Robertson has written a book detailing everything about the application process, filming her season with Ben Flajnik, and yes, even what happens on the fantasy suite date (in her case, reverse cowgirl). In *I Didn't Come Here To Make Friends*, out June 24, she goes into great detail about what went wrong with her romance with Flajnik and also gives details about her previous boyfriends, including actors Adrian Grenier and Jesse Metcalfe.

If you're a member of Bachelor Nation, you already know that Robertson doesn't hold back or care what people think. This is one juicy book. We called Robertson for even more dirt. ("Yes, Ben's read the book. He's not exactly thrilled with it ... But we haven't really had a friendship anyway.") And we get her to round up the types of girl you'll see without fail on every season of *The Bachelor*. Here are her answers:

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"There's always a girl who doesn't want to kiss on camera. The perfect example is Selma (Alameri) on Sean Lowe's season."

Courtney Robertson, winner of Season 16 of *The Bachelor*

The girl who is not there to make friends: I think I said this on my season. Every season there is a girl who says that. Even on the guys' season (*The Bachelorette*), someone always says it. You could add it to a Bachelor drinking game, where every time someone says it, you have to take a drink.

The drunk girl: On our season, there was a lot of booze, so there was definitely a lot of drunken tears and cat fights going on, but there's always one who kind of stands out and is actually slurring in her confessional, totally shammer pants.

The confessional crier: I'm sorry. Have these girls never heard of waterproof mascara?

The girl with the rough past: This is the sob-story girl. There's always one.

The girl with the boyfriend back home: This happened to my best friend on my season, Casey. Her ex-boyfriend actually contacted the show because he was having a hard time because she was off filming the

show ... A lot of time passes between when you apply for the show and when you actually go on, so I can see how something like this could happen. But if I were to have met someone amazing, I wouldn't have done the show.

The trouble-starter: There's always one girl who is the instigator and starting the gossip.

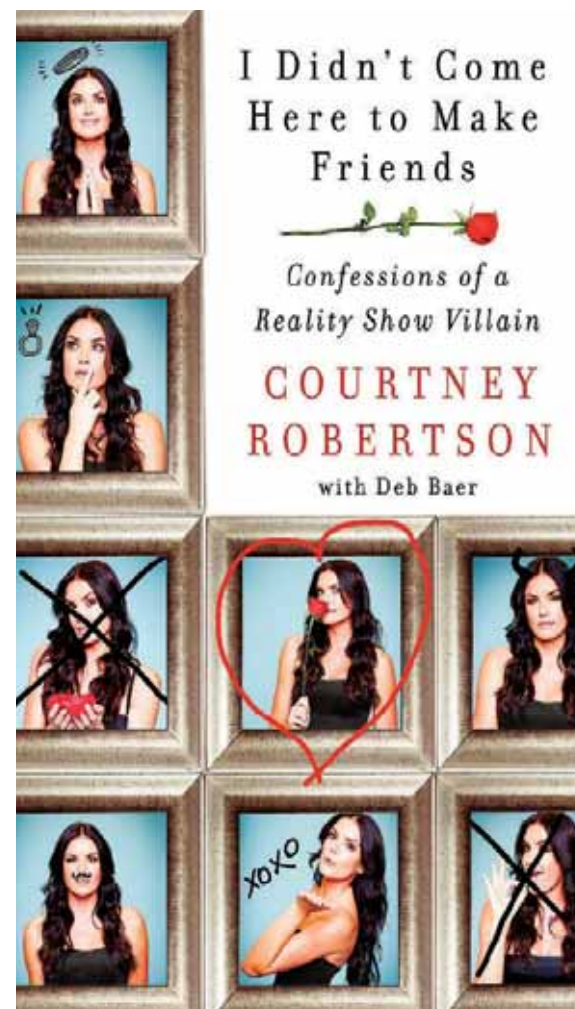
The VIP cocktail waitress: There always seems to be one.

There also always seems to be a nanny and dental hygienist. Nicki (Sterling) on my season was a dental hygienist and she had amazing teeth. And Ashley Hebert was one, too!

The prude: There's always a girl who doesn't want to kiss on camera. The perfect example of this is Selma (Alameri), on Sean Lowe's season.

The girl who makes a scene about leaving: She's always talking about leaving because she isn't sure if she has that strong of a connection with the bachelor.

The flat-out freak: There's always a couple of really obnoxious girls and most of the time they leave the first night.



A.K.A that judge on American Idol

J.Lo. 1990s pop diva discusses the limitations of recording new album on a tight budget, and empowering women

Jennifer Lopez remembers the days when her record label budgeted \$1 million for one of her music videos. Today, she's attempting to create the same magic with one-tenth of the money.

The entrepreneur says being a singer has been "challenging" since she debuted on the pop scene in the late 1990s, dominating the charts with back-to-back hits while becoming a driving force on other entertainment platforms.

"It used to be like this big magical world, almost like Oz, when you'd make a record," the



Jennifer Lopez's new album *A.K.A.*, released this week, features collaborations with Iggy Azalea, Nas, Pitbull, Rick Ross and T.I. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

44-year-old says. "(It) was like anything was possible."

Lopez, who released her eighth album, *A.K.A.*, last week,

says the music industry no longer feels like Oz.

"Now, it's like, 'We'll see if we can do that and we can give

Quoted

"I want women to feel empowered. I want women to know what they deserve and to not take anything else, and to look at love in that way."

Jennifer Lopez, on her new album *A.K.A.*

you this much," she says of record label meetings. "And you're like, 'Wow, OK. So how am I gonna do that?' It's a whole different mindset."

She enjoys the challenge, Lopez says. When coming up with creative concepts, she has thought to herself: "What great idea can I come up with that costs nothing?"

Her last platinum effort was 2002's *This Is Me ...* Then its

followup, 2005's *Rebirth*, sold 745,000 units. Since then, she's had some successful singles, but she's no longer one of pop's "it" girls, racking up multiple hits, earning Grammy nominations and winning other accolades.

The performer hopes fans can hear the work she's done in the past four years on *A.K.A.*, an album filled with pop, R&B and dance sounds. "I want women to feel empowered. I want women to know what they deserve and to not take anything else, and to look at love in that way," she says.

Lopez says that's why she recruited white-hot rapper Iggy Azalea for the record: "I was thinking of working with a female rapper because, again, of the strength and subject matter of the album, I wanted some girl to be talking smack with me."

High-profile guests on the

album include Pitbull, Nas, Rick Ross and T.I.; some of the songs were co-written by Chris Brown. However, other tracks featuring Robin Thicke, Wiz Khalifa and Maxwell didn't make the cut.

"Economics come into play; all types of stuff come into play," Lopez says.

Lopez says she's lucky that she and other musicians have been able to use "our creative talents in other ways," like her judging job on *American Idol*.

Lopez says she's been asked to return to *Idol* next season and plans to do so if her schedule allows. She isn't concerned about the decline in the show's ratings. "I really feel like we got back on track and got the focus on what it needed to be, which was on the contestants and on the show and off of anything else," she says.

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Left, Pedro Pascal as Oberyn Martell battles The Mountain on Season 4 of Game of Thrones. Right, Pascal plays the villainous Don John in a production of Much Ado About Nothing playing this month in Central Park. LEFT: MACALL B. POLAY/HBO; RIGHT: JOAN MARCUS

There's much Ado about Pedro Pascal

Gone, but not forgotten. His Game of Thrones days may be over, but Pedro Pascal isn't short on work

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Metro World News in New York City

New Yorkers could call Pedro Pascal a hometown boy made good. Best known for his portrayal of the late, great Oberyn Martell on Game of Thrones, the 39-year-old Chilean began his acting career in New York City as an undergrad at NYU. And for an actor in that town, there's no bigger stage than Central Park's Delacorte Theater, where Pascal is currently bringing the drama as the villainous Don John in Much Ado About Nothing, part of

Shakespeare in the Park and presented free by The Public Theater.

We caught up with the Brooklyn resident ahead of the play's official opening to talk being back on stage and the fan response to Oberyn.

How did you get involved with the production?

When I found out that they were going to be doing Much Ado About Nothing in the park, I was hoping to be seen for the role of Don John. I was actually in New York (in March) for the premiere of Game of Thrones, and there was this tiny window to audition for (director) Jack O'Brien.

You're a pretty physical actor. Do you feel better suited to the stage or screen?

My training is in the theatre; I'm much more knowledgeable of film as an audience member.

There isn't really anything that can compare to being onstage in front of an audience. It's always hard to answer this question, because a good role in a good play with a good house is an untouchable experience. But there are definitely really interesting things about doing on-camera work that can't be achieved onstage as well. So I wouldn't necessarily be able to choose one over the other. I do love the physical experience of being onstage; it's a pretty demanding one. I love discovering the definitions of a character through physicality.

Oberyn liked to stir up trouble. Do you share that element of mischief?

Possibly! Many of my friends would probably accuse me of being mischievous. I think that for any actor, mischief is sort of a delicious thing to play: What exactly motivates creating

chaos? And those are always really fun things to discover.

What will stay with you about the Game of Thrones experience?

This was definitely the best part I'd ever played, and it was the best writing that I'd ever gotten to do on television. The creative experience of getting to sink your teeth into a delicious character, in a project that has found such success, — such a blockbuster television show — and what makes it that I think is ultimately really good storytelling. So to be able to play a really great character within something as large as that is something that I'll creatively never forget. The creative experience of getting to do David (Benioff) and Dan (Weiss)'s writing in that world, and getting into the skin of that character and being in Michele Clapton's costumes,

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"... It's always nice to be back in New York, where I've been for 20 years, and have a stranger on the subway start smiling and giving me a thumbs up and a 'Congratulations!' or 'I'm so sorry you're dead.'"

Pedro Pascal, actor
on the reception he's gotten since playing Oberyn Martell on Game of Thrones

and all the attention, that's really special.

What kinds of reactions have you gotten from fans?

People have been really sweet, very enthusiastic and really supportive. And it's an enormous relief; (Oberyn) was a big undertaking for me, and one that I was pretty nervous about doing because he's such an extravagant character, and I really wasn't sure how it would be received. And it's always nice to be back in New York, where I've

been for 20 years, and have a stranger on the subway start smiling and giving me a thumbs up and a "Congratulations!" or "I'm so sorry you're dead."

What's next for you?

I will be going down to Colombia to shoot a series for Netflix called Narcos. It's about the rise and fall of Pablo Escobar, and I'll be playing a living DEA agent, Javier Pena, who was sent to Colombia on a U.S. mission to capture and ultimately kill him.

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Kim Kardashian and Kanye West threw a big birthday party for their daughter North West, who turned one. Regrettably, some of the guests got lost due to the directions on the invite: "For North West go south-southeast, then south, look for Mr. West who will guide you to little North. P.S.: If the party goes south, look for exits marked 'This way away from North West.'"

This Week in Names: 1) Jenna Fischer's new baby's name is Harper Marie. 2) Kelly Clarkson's new baby is named River Rose. 3) The name Elsa is climbing

in popularity thanks to older siblings who pester their parents to name their baby sisters after the Frozen heroine. 4) Kit Harington who plays Jon Snow on Game of Thrones, says his parents didn't tell him that his real name is Christopher until he was 11. In other words, he knew noth... (Let it go. The season is over. Just let it go.)

Taylor Swift has reportedly dumped Selena Gomez as a friend because she's tired of hearing about her problems with Justin Bieber. Despite Taylor's best efforts, she hasn't even been able to write a song about it.

Harrison Ford will spend a long time recovering from an ankle injury sustained on the set of Star Wars VII. It will be eight weeks with normal hospital treatment and bed rest, two weeks if he can be convinced to have his leg frozen in carbonite.

A Sting-ing revelation for the kids of former Police frontman

Pop icon Sting says his children won't be getting trust funds from his vast fortune, assuming there's any money left in it.

The 16-time Grammy Award winner and former frontman of The Police told The Mail on Sunday that the vast wealth would be "albatrosses" around the necks of his six children.

The singer-songwriter, who grew up in a shipbuilding community in northeast England, says he told the kids, "There won't be much money left because we are spending it!"

Sting's wealth was estimated at about \$306 million US by the Sunday Times Rich List.

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Sting



Megan Fox planning to make fewer movies, spend more time with family



Megan Fox

Now that Megan Fox has a two-year-old and a four-month-old at home to think about, she's kind of souring on the whole show business thing.

"I've never been an extraordinarily ambitious girl or career-oriented, but especially once I got pregnant

with my first son and now (having) my second, it's so hard to be a working mom especially when your heart is not in your work, when your heart is with your family," she tells Parents magazine, explaining that for now, she's looking to work only as much as is necessary.

"I have to make one movie a year because I have to invest in their future and I have to be able to pay their way through college and be able to provide for them. I'm looking for movies that will shoot in Los Angeles, for projects where I'm part of an ensemble so I can shoot in and out in 10 to 20 days. It's all about trying to spend as little time away from my kids as possible."

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Lana Del Rey ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Born To Die singer angry about journo's 'leading questions' on death

Lana Del Rey apparently isn't too thrilled with the Guardian running with her "I wish I was dead already" quote and turning it into a story.

The singer took to Twitter to complain in a series of tweets that she later deleted. "I regret trusting the Guardian. I didn't want to do an interview but the journalist was persistent," she posted about her chat with Guardian music critic Alexis Petridis for an article written for the newspaper by Tom Jonze. "Alexis was masked as a fan but was hiding sinister ambitions and angles. Maybe he's actually the boring one looking

for something interesting to write about. His leading questions about death and persona were calculated." For the Guardian's part, Jonze responded by posting the original audio of the interview. "It's not pleasant asking a pop star if she thinks the idea of dying young herself is attractive. It's a dark question, but it's not a leading one," he writes. "She has every opportunity to say no. And she can hardly complain about the subject matter. She'd been talking about her icons all dying young (and) she named her debut album Born to Die."

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Prince William

Prince William and family to travel in luxury aboard British Heirways chopper

What do you get for the birthday boy who's going to eventually rule everything — in England at least?

Queen Elizabeth II reportedly celebrated Prince William's 32nd birthday by leasing him and his young family a \$13.6-million luxury helicopter for getting around

the country, according to Sky News. The craft can hold up to seven passengers in leather-seated comfort and can fly a maximum distance of 530 miles in one trip. The chopper has already been affectionately nicknamed Heirforce One, according to Sky. METRO WORLD NEWS

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With all 'I do' respect, keep your own financial identity

Couple's money. The best route to a strong marriage is to work as a team, but keep your accounts separate



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It's not unusual for two people who are very different in how they see and manage money to hook up before they've talked about those differences. Then instead of just being a tool, money becomes something they fight about.

I meet people all the time who want to beat me up because I advocate financial independence within couples. "C'mon, Gail, marriage means you have to be a team." "Yeah, it's about trust." "Just because you've been divorced three times doesn't mean we're all headed that way."

Y'know what? They're all right. Every one of them has a point. But nothing they've said has changed my mind. I believe with all my heart that to be strong as a couple, you each have to be capable of standing on your own two feet financially.

Planning a family?

Being on the same team means you're going to set your goals together and help each other meet those goals. If one of those goals is to have a family, then together you have to decide how you will provide care and money to take care of that



The strongest couples are those who can stand on their own two feet financially, our columnist says. ISTOCK

family. If one of you decides to stay home, that doesn't mean the money-maker gets to make all the decisions about how the money gets spent or abdicate home-care responsibilities. But so often, that's exactly what happens.

It also often happens that the non-working partner ties themselves completely to their mate financially. They share a bank account; there are no individual accounts. They share credit. One may even give up his or her financial identity completely. It isn't healthy. And many a divorcee or widow comes to regret it.

Being financially independent isn't a precursor to or acknowledgement of the fact

that your relationship will end unhappily. To be good for each other and strong together, you each need to be taking care of the money — individually and as a team — and you each need your own financial identity.

You must each be clear about what you need, want, and expect from your relationship.

And it can't just be clear in one person's mind. You have to talk about it, negotiate the grey areas, and come to a happy place where you're each getting some of what you want.

Stay-at-home partner

For those couples who have one stay-at-home partner, it is important that person have their own bank account, credit card

and savings; yes, accounts in his or her own name. Sure, you're a team, but all that teamwork doesn't do you the least bit of good if the working partner leaves the other partner with no financial identity. Don't confuse having money with having a financial identity; they are not the same thing. Besides, why should the stay-at-home partner be any less financially sound in their own right if you've agreed on this strategy for your family?

A bank account will create a record of money management. Savings will not only help you prepare for the future, it will signal the right financial behaviour. And a credit card — not a joint card or a supplemental card — will

create a credit history.

Don't think that because you're both signed on the mortgage or on a line of credit together your credit histories are being built equally. That's a common misconception. Typically the credit history is reported only for the first signature on the application, so one of you may have no credit history whatsoever. Divorce or death is a tough enough thing to deal with; finding out you're a financial non-person doesn't make it any easier.

Getting back into the loop

So what if your partner has been out of the loop and now needs to get with the financial program? Having a jointly created plan on paper gives you a starting point for discussing how you're managing the money. While you want your mate to have a sense of the big picture, a detailed budget will help him or her see how all the pieces fit together. Your aim is to share your joint financial responsibilities even as you manage your personal financial identities.

Assuming responsibility for your own financial independence is scary for some people. That idea of independence makes some people want to duck and hide behind words like love and trust and honour and team. But independence doesn't negate any of those things. It enhances them because each day you're choosing to be together, not defaulting to togetherness because you're trapped.

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Hoisin sauce makes meat sub sublime



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How often do we drive to a sub shop and grab a variety of these tasty foot-long sandwiches? They're inexpensive, quick to buy and incredibly tasty. But if you lift up the bread you usually won't find the healthiest mix of ingredients. Preserved, nitrate-filled deli meats and loads of mayonnaise or "secret" sauce on a heavy, non-nutritious roll. Not exactly a healthy choice. A regular meatball 6-inch sub has around 500 calories, 20 gm of fat and over 1,000 mg of sodium.

My hoisin meatball sub comes to the rescue with about half those numbers, making it a much healthier choice. These homemade hoisin meatballs are made with lean beef, freshly sautéed onions, mushrooms and red peppers, and are served on a whole wheat bun with a tasty

hoisin sauce drizzled over top. This is not only delicious, but will save you those excess calories, fat and sodium.

Serve this for lunch or a casual dinner with a side salad.

Directions

1. Combine the soy sauce and hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and vinegar. Set aside.

2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, onions, cilantro, 2 tbsp of the hoisin sauce, ginger, garlic and egg until well combined. Make into small 1-inch balls (about 36). Brush with some of the remaining hoisin sauce. Bake at 400 F for 12 minutes or just until cooked.

3. Sauté the onions in a non-stick skillet sprayed with vegetable oil until tender. Add the mushrooms and sauté until soft; add the bell peppers and sauté until tender. Add 3 tbsp of the sauce.

4. Toast the submarine buns. Divide the meatballs overtop the buns and add the sautéed vegetables. Drizzle remaining sauce mixture overtop and garnish with the sesame seeds. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

Sauce mixture

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 tsp chopped ginger
- 5 tsp sesame oil
- 5 tsp rice vinegar

Meatballs

- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

or parsley

- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 egg

Vegetables

- 1 1/2 cups sliced onions
- 2 cups chopped mushrooms
- 1 1/2 cups sliced red bell pepper

Submarine buns

- Six 4-inch whole wheat submarine buns sliced in half

Garnish

- 1 tsp toasted sesame seeds



This recipe makes six servings. ROSE REISMAN

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge
to your table in
30 minutes or less

Bright berries and baby kale take a citrus splash



This recipe serves six. ROSE REISMAN

Kale, Spinach, Raspberry and Goat Cheese Salad. To make ahead, prepare salad early in the day, dress just before serving

The combination of kale and spinach in a salad gives you a powerhouse of nutrients. They are both high in iron and fibre. Kale wins in vitamin C with just one cup having close to 85 per cent of your daily requirements. They're both excellent greens to have in your diet. The fresh raspberries, crunchy almonds and creamy goat cheese make the perfect combination along with the citrus

Ingredients

Salad

- 4 cups baby spinach
- 4 cups baby kale
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1/3 cup chopped almonds
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese

Dressing

- 1 1/2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp apple or orange juice concentrate
- 1 tsp (5 mL) brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 mL) chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 mL) Dijon mustard

cider vinaigrette. This makes a perfect side salad or serve as a main with some grilled chicken or fish.

Directions

1. To make the salad: Place the spinach, kale, onions, raspberries and goat cheese

in a large serving bowl.

2. To make the dressing: Whisk together the cider vinegar, olive oil, juice concentrate, brown sugar, garlic and mustard in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss. Top with the chopped nuts. **ROSE REISMAN**

Learning as long as you're living may be the best course of action

Class is in session ... again. Startup founder takes 30 classes in 30 days to encourage perpetual education

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Over 1.5 million college students graduated this year, packing away their books and embarking on their life adventure in the real world.

A recent study by the Jenkins Group reveals that nearly half of the class of 2014 will never read a book again.

Chad Lovell wants to change that.

Lovell is the co-founder of AllClasses.com, a search engine that lists available classes all



It's unquestionable that taking on a class can provide great nourishment for your noggin. iStock

over the world. Lovell is currently taking 30 classes in 30 days in order to encourage lifelong learning.

We recently caught up with Lovell as he was heading home from a busy afternoon at class.

How was class today? What did you end up taking?

I took a class on day trading stocks and trading options. I've done a little trading on my own, so I was a little skept-

tical going in (about whether I would learn much). But we were talking about stuff we can do and all of the different options. I'm learning new stuff all of the time. Every class I go to, I tell people what I'm doing and they say, 'That's awesome.'

How did you pick the classes you would take over the course of the month?

I wanted it to be something that benefits me and that would add value to my business. Half of the classes are concentrated on professional development. I'm also taking classes for my personal benefit. I started power lifting and working on core strength last year, and I'm taking a pole fitness class, which is interesting because I'm often the only guy there.

How did you to come up with the idea for the 30 in 30 Learn-

The human race

"The world around us is accelerating, and it's changing faster and faster. If you don't invest in yourself, you are going to be left behind."

Chad Lovell
Co-founder of AllClasses.com

ing Challenge?

I've always been an intellectually inclined person. The world around us is accelerating, and it's changing faster and faster. If you don't invest in yourself, you are going to be left behind.

What have you learned personally while doing the project?

Learning is invigorating. It is a bit exhausting running a company and taking all of these classes at the same time, but I am trying to show people that it is possible and that it's important to invest in yourself.

Your company AllClasses lists all sorts of courses and learning opportunities. What are the topics people seem to be interested in the most?

It's all across the board. We have 3,000 different topics that people search for. Coding classes and programs like Javascript are popular. Our users are also really interested in marketing classes.

What's the best reason to take a class?

No one likes to be boring. ... It makes you more interesting. I'm taking a CPR certification class too, and that could potentially save a life.

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Put the 'reward' back in reward program

Research loyalty programs to optimize your points

Who doesn't love getting what you want — when you get it faster? Finding the right loyalty program — one that gets you the rewards you want — can be complicated, especially when credit cards are factored in.

Whether you are looking for a new card or just curious to see how your current credit card stacks up, it can be difficult and time consuming to get an apples-to-apples comparison of what is available from various providers and how well they might work for you. While selecting a program still requires you to do a little research, a free, online tool is here to help. Compareloyaltyprograms.ca enables Canadians to assess which loyalty programs and affiliated credit cards might get them to their desired reward fastest.

"It's all about the reward. Take a step back and consider what you're looking for — whether it's cash back, merchandise or flights — and then research which programs and cards could get you there faster," say Susan Misner and Laura McDonald, founders of Golden Girl Finance, a site offering financial education in a modern, engaging way to encourage everyone to play a more active role in their finances.

"Where you live, your shopping habits and spending patterns mean that there isn't one program that fits all, so a tool



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like Compareloyaltyprograms.ca really offers a new perspective."

REWARDS ARE A PERK BEST SERVED FAST

Flights, merchandise or cash equivalent rewards: it doesn't matter what type of reward you're working towards, you likely want it faster, according to a new poll by Environics Research Group. Results show that earning rewards faster (42 per cent) and having more opportunities to earn loyalty points (40 per cent) are priorities for Canadians in their loyalty programs.

Even with speed being top of mind, comparing programs based on time to reward has been difficult to do before now.

"The Environics research has shown that credit cards can play an important part in earning rewards faster: double-dipping, or using a loyalty program card and paying with an affiliated credit card, offers the fastest time to reward," say Misner and McDonald. "And don't forget: a program that gets you to your rewards faster is one that will keep you happy."

CONFUSION CAN MEAN MISSED REWARDS

Navigating the loyalty program landscape in Canada can be challenging with so many programs and opinions to sort through. According to the Environics poll, the majority of consumers who participate in loyalty programs believe that they can be confusing (almost six in 10 Canadians). Of those, three-quarters (76 per cent) say they are less likely to use a loyalty program if they are confused by how it works — meaning many of us are

LOYALTY PROGRAM TIPS

IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE YOUR CREDIT CARD TO PAY FOR YOUR PURCHASES AND EARN LOYALTY PROGRAM POINTS, A FEW TIPS CAN HELP YOU MAXIMIZE THAT SPENDING AND GET YOU TO YOUR REWARD FASTER:

USE COMPARELOYALTYPROGRAMS.CA: It can help you research reward programs and affiliated credit card options to get you to your reward sooner.

USE CREDIT CARDS RESPONSIBLY: Spend responsibly and be sure to read the fine print on any credit card you shortlist — if you are not paying off the balance every month or if the annual fee is high, you are not going to be rewarding yourself.

RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR: Do your own research — do not assume others' opinions about certain cards or programs are 'right' for you.

DOUBLE-DIP: You will maximize earnings by using your credit card with the corresponding loyalty program where possible — that means shopping at program-affiliated stores and paying with the affiliated credit card. Earning rewards points this way adds up faster than you might think.

FOCUS ON YOUR FAVOURITES: Focus your spending on one or two loyalty programs — targeting your earning on just one or two programs will ensure you reap the most rewards, whether it's flights, cash back or merchandise.

simply missing out on rewards.

Sources of confusion include not knowing how to redeem points or miles for a reward (39 per cent), not knowing which program is best for them personally (37 per cent) and not knowing how or where to earn reward points or miles (24 per cent).

With a tool such as Compareloyaltyprograms.ca on your side, you have a unique, level comparison of the top loyalty programs and affiliated credit cards in Canada.

Answer a few simple questions based on your preferences, location and person-

al spending habits and up to three loyalty programs will be suggested as possible matches for you.

From there, it's up to you to select the right program for you.

Commissioned by COLLOQUY, a LoyaltyOne Research Group, Environics Research Group developed a methodology and online comparison tool that allows consumers to determine which rewards programs get them to the rewards they want as quickly as possible, based on their individual shopping patterns, program features and attributes. COLLOQUY has also provided financial compensation to Golden Girl Finance for promotion of the research and online tool.



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Portugal's Silvestre Varela heads the ball past U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard for the game-tying goal in Manaus, Brazil, Sunday. MARTIN MEJIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portugal's last-ditch effort stuns the U.S.

In stoppage time.
Draw forces Americans to earn a berth in knockout stage on another day

With Cristiano Ronaldo on the field, a one-goal lead is never safe.

The world player of the year rarely sparkled on a hot and humid night in the jungle, but his inch-perfect stoppage-time cross set up Silvestre Varela for the equalizing goal Sunday in Portugal's 2-2 draw against the

Group G

2	2
United States	Portugal

United States at the World Cup.

The Real Madrid winger, who has been playing despite a left knee injury, showed flashes of his best, but his impact was minimal until the final seconds of the match. He curled the ball in to a diving Varela, who headed past Tim Howard to give the

Portuguese team a slim hope of advancing to the second round and deny the Americans instant advancement.

"He made a great cross," said Howard, Ronaldo's former teammate from their days at Manchester United. "Football's cruel sometimes."

The United States now has four points in Group G, the same as Germany. Both Portugal and Ghana have one point. The Americans will face Germany on Thursday in Recife, while Portugal takes on Ghana at the same time in Brasilia.

"Obviously we're disappointed, but at the end of the day you've got to look at

the positives, we got a point," said United States captain Clint Dempsey, who scored to give the Americans a 2-1 lead in the 81st. "It's going down to the last game and hopefully we get the job done."

Nani scored first for Portugal, shooting past a sprawling Howard in the fifth minute.

Jermaine Jones made it 1-1 with a curling shot in the 64th after a cross from Graham Zusi made its way through the Portugal defence. And Dempsey, playing with a broken nose, then put the Americans ahead, using his stomach to direct the ball into the net from a cross by Zusi. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Group H

Algeria claims its first World Cup win since 1982

Islam Slimani scored one goal and made two more as Algeria swept to a 4-2 victory over South Korea on Sunday to become the first African team to score four goals in a World Cup match.

The result gave Algeria its first World Cup win since 1982 and moves it into second place in Group H with one match left to play, against Russia.

Slimani opened the scoring with a fine solo goal after 26 minutes as his team raced into a 3-0 lead at halftime. However, it then had to withstand South Korean fighting back after the break to secure the points.

"I'd like to dedicate this victory to the fans and the Algerian people who have been waiting for this for many, many years," Algerian coach Vahid Halilhodzic said.

Defeat for South Korea means it must now beat already-qualified Belgium and hope that other results go its way to progress to the knockout stages.

Belgium leads with six points, Algeria now has three, while Russia and the South Koreans have one apiece. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Algeria's Islam Slimani celebrates scoring against Korea on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES



Belgium's Eden Hazard, left, is challenged by Russia's Dmitri Kombarov in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday. Scan the image with the Metro News app for more photos from Sunday's matches. CHRISTOPHE ENA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hard-pressed, but Belgium advances

Twice now, Belgium has relied on a late revival boosted by stamina and its bench to turn desperate situations around at the World Cup. On Sunday, it was teenager Divock Origi who turned a listless Belgian performance into a late 1-0 win over Russia, enough to qualify for the next round.

Belgium barely contained a reinvigorated Russia for most of the match, yet struck with a blistering late spurt of class and opportunism to turn a bad situation into a wild, fist-pumping celebration for coach Marc Wilmots and his team in the 88th minute.

Group H

1	0
Belgium	Russia

"Why were we good in last 10 minutes? Simple — the others were tired," said Wilmots. "The Russians were so tired they looked at their feet, and it offered us chances to counter."

After its dour 1-1 draw with

South Korea, Russia produced the kind of sparkle and dominance that had been more expected from Belgium in front of 73,819 increasingly restless fans at Maracana stadium.

With Belgian King Philippe looking on, substitute Kevin Mirallas hit a free kick against the post in the 84th minute, setting off the amazing turnaround. Eden Hazard then made a move into the area on the left and spotted Origi free in the centre. A pinpoint pass from Hazard and a cool right-foot finishing from the 19-year-old Origi gave Belgium the victory. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Dominik Hasek looks on during his time as an Ottawa Senator in February 2006. Hasek is expected to be part of the Hockey Hall of Fame's class of 2014, which will be announced Monday. RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Dominator expected to be called to the Hall

Dominik Hasek. Former NHL goalie, one of the best ever, will likely join class of 2014 Monday

At the age of 46, Dominik Hasek was still playing hockey. He put on his goalie pads for the final time Feb. 27, 2011, in the KHL.

At the age of 49, "the Dominator" is expected to be part of the Hockey Hall of Fame's class of 2014, which will be announced Monday. Though nothing is guaranteed, the six-

time Vezina Trophy-winner should be a lock.

"For me it's a no-brainer," former Buffalo Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said earlier this year.

Hasek won one Stanley Cup as a starter with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002, then split time with Chris Osgood and became the backup in the playoffs for the 2008 title. He came close to the Cup in 1999 with Buffalo, only to be beaten by the Dallas Stars on Brett Hull's foot-in-the-crease overtime goal.

Hasek's best years came with the Sabres, when he had

seven straight seasons with a save percentage of .930 or higher. He finished with 234 career regular-season victories.

Veteran goaltender Tomas Vokoun "knew all along" Hasek would be great from watching him play in their native Czech Republic.

"It took him a little bit just because of his style and all that to convince people here," Vokoun said in a phone interview. "I definitely consider him, if he's not the best, one of the top three to ever play ... He definitely deserves to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

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Other hopefuls

- Swedish centre Peter Forsberg is also expected to get the call to the Hall of Fame (first year eligible).
- American-born centre Mike Modano leads other new candidates and is most likely to be inducted, ahead of three-time cup-winner Mark Recchi.
- Late coach Pat Burns remains a candidate in the "builder" category.

Reliable Ekblad ready for NHL

Aaron Ekblad may be the most mature 18-year-old hockey player on the planet.

"Not only does he have a 30-year-old's physique under his equipment, but he also thinks and acts like a 10-year NHL vet," said Dan Stewart, scouting director for the independent scouting service Future Considerations.

Ekblad, a two-way, right-shooting defenceman, knows what he wants to be — not only in this week's NHL draft, but as a pro. He'd love to go No. 1 and continue to mould

himself in the images of Shea Weber, Alex Pietrangelo and Duncan Keith.

More than anything, though, the Barrie Colts captain wants to be considered reliable on and off the ice.

"I don't do too many things that are going to surprise anyone," Ekblad said at last month's scouting combine. "I'm going to be the kind of player that you know what you're going to get from me."

Steady and dependable doesn't put butts in seats,

but Ekblad isn't touting himself as a flashy kind of player. Instead, and more importantly, he has the potential to develop into a franchise cornerstone.

Because of that, the Belle River, Ont., native is the front-runner to be the top pick Friday night in Philadelphia, whether the Florida Panthers choose to keep it or trade it. Buffalo Sabres general manager Tim Murray said last week he expected Ekblad to go No. 1 regardless.

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Future NHL great?



"I wouldn't say I'm cocky, but I'm confident and I believe

that if I work hard and I do all the little things and pay attention to details, I can be in that league next year." NHL prospect Aaron Ekblad

MLB. Jays flying low after getting hosed on the road

The Toronto Blue Jays went limping home from their long, losing road trip.

The struggling AL East leaders lost infielder Brett Lawrie and right-fielder Jose Bautista with injuries and fell to the Cincinnati Reds 4-3 Sunday.

Toronto was 3-7 on its visit to Baltimore, Yankee Stadium and Cincinnati.

Lawrie, twice hit in the left hand by pitches earlier in the week, sustained a broken right index finger when he was hit by a pitch from Johnny Cueto in the second inning. The team didn't immediately announce how long he would be out.

"It's definitely tough," said Lawrie, who said he expects to be placed on the disabled list. "We're big pieces of the puzzle, especially (Bautista). It's tough on the team to not have all its bullets. We just have to keep on grinding."

Bautista left because of tightness in his left hamstring, manager John Gibbon said. The All-Star outfielder had a



Jose Bautista cools off in the dugout during the Blue Jays' 4-3 loss to the Reds on Sunday in Cincinnati. JOE ROBBINS/GETTY IMAGES

single and a sacrifice bunt before leaving.

Cueto pitched eight effective innings and Todd Frazier broke a 2-all tie in the fifth with a two-run homer off R.A. Dickey (6-6).

Toronto has lost five of six, and has dropped five straight series.

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U.S. Women's Open. Former teen golf prodigy Wie wins her first major

The road Michelle Wie took to a U.S. Women's Open title was unlike any other, and suddenly insignificant. Whether this was a long time coming was the least of her cares.

The biggest star in women's golf had her name on the biggest trophy.

She never looked happier.

"Oh my God, I can't even think straight," Wie said Sunday after a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis to claim her first major.

The final three holes at Pinehurst No. 2 were filled with ups and downs that Wie knows as well as anyone in golf. She responded with a performance worthy of the hype that had been heaped on her since she was a teenager.

Pressure putt



"That kind of emotion, that kind of pressure ... I'll think of

that putt as one of the best putts I've ever hit in my life."

Michelle Wie, on her 25-foot birdie putt on hole 17 that helped her seal the win

With a three-shot lead on the 16th hole, Wie nearly threw it all away with one poor decision, only keeping the lead by making a nervy five-foot putt for double bogey.

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NHL

Habs, Buds, champs to kick off season

The Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens will once again kick off the NHL season.

The league released its official schedule today, and the Original Six rivals will face off at Air Canada Centre in the earliest of the four games scheduled for opening night

on Oct. 8.

It will be the sixth straight season Montreal and Toronto have met on opening night.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings are also in action Oct. 8.

They host the San Jose Sharks, the team they beat in the first round of last year's playoffs after coming back from a 3-0 series deficit.

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Top-ranked Canucks enter grass courts as legitimate contenders

Wimbledon. Raonic, Bouchard in spotlight together after turning heads across the world

Eugenie Bouchard has already shown she can compete at the biggest tennis tournaments in the world.

Fellow Canadian Milos Raonic believes she has a legitimate chance to go even further at Wimbledon.

Bouchard, who made it to the semifinals of both the Australian Open and French Open this season, enters the grass court tournament as the women's No. 13 seed. When asked about her chances of winning her first Grand Slam, Raonic said the title could be hers if she steps up her game.

"She can," said Raonic, a

contender in his own right for the men's title, when asked if Bouchard can win at Wimbledon. "There's a lot of vulnerability in women's tennis, that's the main thing. It's up to her to step up. Serena (Williams) is a heavy favourite, but there is vulnerability."

Bouchard showed vulnerability when she was beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 by No. 75-ranked Vania King in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, last week in her only pre-Wimbledon grass-court match — 11 days after her French Open semifinal.

"I'm not concerned at all," her coach Nick Saviano said about the loss. "She had played a lot of tournaments and her knees were bothering her. She didn't play for almost six days, didn't pick up a racket after the French."

Bouchard, from Westmount, Que., had an uptempo

Rising expectations

"I don't feel I'm far off ... I just know I'm going to have to compete like hell."

Milos Raonic, on competing at Wimbledon

practice Saturday with former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka on Court 18, site of the 2010 John Isner versus Nicolas Mahut marathon match that went over 11 hours.

"I've been practising really well, working on my game on grass — definitely stepping in a bit more, going to the net a bit more," Bouchard said.

Raonic, the men's No. 8 seed from Thornhill, Ont., also enters Wimbledon off a loss. He was beaten 6-4, 6-4 by big-hitting German Peter Gojowczyk two weeks ago in Germany.

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Milos Raonic plays a forehand against Robin Haase of the Netherlands during Day 2 the Boodles Tennis Event on June 17 in Stoke Poges, England. Raonic is expecting to advance deep into the Wimbledon tournament this year.

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Wimbledon. No regrets for banged-up Bartoli as she watches from the sidelines

There they were, spread across the practice courts on the afternoon before Wimbledon begins: past Grand Slam champions or former No. 1s — Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka, Petra Kvitova, Caroline Wozniacki — and some who aspire to such heights — Eugenie Bouchard, Milos Raonic, Ernests Gulbis.

Djokovic, the 2011 winner at the All England Club and last year's runner-up to Andy Murray, teasingly challenged Wozniacki to hit a serve into a white plastic bag. Kvitova tested her heavily wrapped upper right leg. Bouchard worked on volleying.

Notably absent was 2013 champion Marion Bartoli, the first woman in 17 years who declined to try to defend her Wimbledon title. Still, Bartoli held the traditional reigning champion's pre-tournament news conference Sunday, when she explained she has zero lingering doubts about retiring at age 28, less than two months after winning her only Grand Slam trophy — and also showed precisely why she quit the sport.

Tugging down the collar of her white top to reveal strips of blue tape providing support



Retired tennis player Marion Bartoli shows off her banged up shoulder to media on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

for her right shoulder, Bartoli said, "Literally, I can't even lift my arm every morning. It was the same last year and didn't improve.... So definitely no regrets at all."

She has moved on to other pursuits — TV commentary, launching a shoe line and designing jewelry.

"Sometimes people ask me, 'Who are you?' I just say, 'I'm the Wimbledon champion.' It just speaks by itself," she said.

During the question-and-answer session, Bartoli noted no fewer than three times that she won last year's tournament without dropping a set.

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NASCAR

Edwards defeats idol Gordon to rule the road

Carl Edwards has never been known for his road racing skills — to the point team owner Jack Roush had to send him testing in a two-seater so Boris Said could teach him the basics.

A decade later, Edwards finally has a win to show for his hard work.

And he beat road racing ace Jeff Gordon to get to Victory Lane on Sunday at Sonoma Raceway, where Gordon leads all drivers with five wins.

"My road racing progression, it's been a pretty long climb," Edwards said. "The real special part to me was to stand in Victory Lane at Sonoma and have Jeff Gordon come and give me a handshake as the second-place finisher. I grew up watching Jeff Gordon, and specifically watching how he drove this racetrack and all the successes he had here.... It's something I'll never forget."

Edwards' win made Roush Fenway Racing the unlikely organization to end Hendrick Motorsports' five-race winning streak.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

This will be one of those weeks when, if you sit back and relax, spend quality time with friends and just generally let things happen, life will be perfect in every possible way.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Friends and relatives will do what you ask if you ask nicely. Also, if there is something you know they desire and you are in a position to get it for them then go for it.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is potentially one of the best days of the year for you as Venus moves into your birth sign. Good things will come at you from all directions, which may be overwhelming.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

No matter how bad your current situation might appear to be, don't make an issue of it. Something positive is about to happen in your life but to make the most of it you must be positive too.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Friendships are under excellent stars today, so if you are bored with your home life or your work seek out people who make you feel glad to be alive.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Venus, planet of harmony, crosses the career angle of your chart today, so you should find it a whole lot easier to get your way with people in positions of power. By the end of the day they will be eating out of your hand.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be in an adventurous mood and that's good because the planets suggest if you go where you have never been before you will meet someone who lights up your life.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be a bit touchy where money and possessions are concerned but the planets indicate you have precious little to worry about, so lighten up and believe that it will all come right in the end.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Everyone seems to be singing your praises but your number one priority should be helping someone else feel special. A loved one is feeling a bit neglected, so go out of your way to spend time with them.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Try not to make too much of a fuss if someone with whom you live, work or do business makes a mess of what they do today. Make allowances and make sure, if it's important, you do it yourself next time.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the most creative area of your chart today, so it's unlikely you will want to be too serious about, well, just about anything.

Pisces

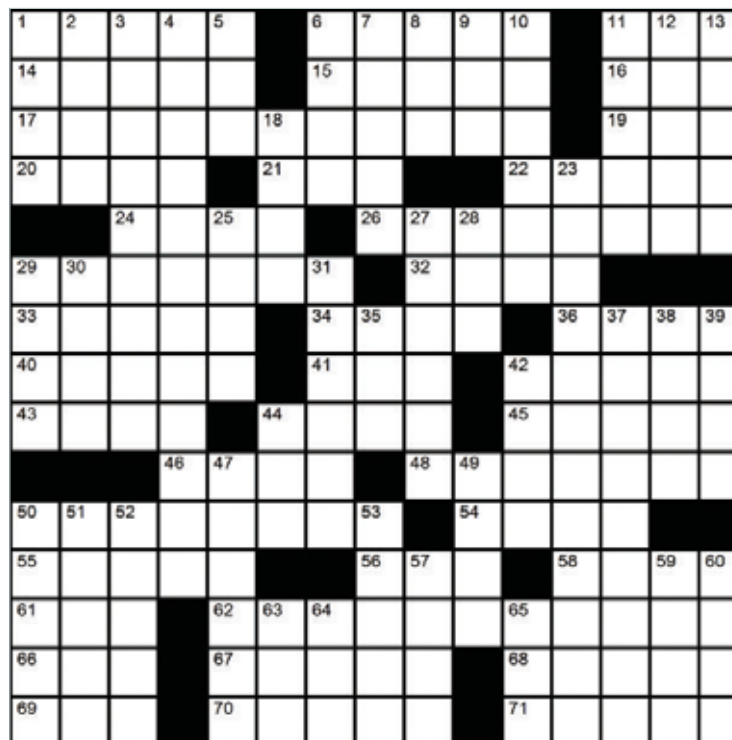
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may not agree with what a friend or family member is going to do but they have made up their mind about it so you might as well give them your support. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Modern day witchcraft
6. "I shall never see ___ lovely as..." - Joyce Kilmer
11. Guys
14. ___ water
15. Greek holiday island
16. Chopper
17. Muskokas locale of the Bethune Memorial House National Historic Site of Canada
19. ___-d'Or, QC
20. Not all
21. Li'l political title
22. Beatles: "___"
24. ___-dieu (Praying furniture piece)
26. Edmonton: ___, The Live Improvised Soap Opera
29. Toronto attraction, Ontario ___ Centre
32. "More after!", texting-style
33. Wear away
34. ___ Ness Monster
36. Recipe meas.
40. Paul McCartney's "___ Was Lonely"
41. "Nope."
42. Type of healing technique
43. "___ miracle!"
44. Split
45. Actor Alan
46. Actress Teri Thompson
48. Kate Middleton's title



50. Loonie's competition: acr. + wd.
54. Josh Groban's "You Raise ___": 2 wds.
55. Russian pancake
56. Dawn goddess
58. Actress Ms. Thompson
61. Deplete
62. Vintage bathroom

- feature: 2 wds.
66. Toronto summer hrs.
67. Ancient myth's blood
68. Tea type
69. Napoleonic Wars marshal
70. Turkish city
71. Tambourine, e.g.

Down

1. Mannequin manes
2. Small obi accessory
3. Edmonton nickname, 'The City of ___'
4. Kind of horse-drawn transport at Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston, AB: 2 wds.
5. Consumed
6. Tooth complaint
7. Hammer
8. Ex-Bruin Bobby
9. Carmela's portrayal on "The Sopranos" ...her initials-sharers
10. Fletcher Christian's uprising
11. Singer Ms. Staples

12. Glorify
13. Ms. Furtado
18. Itsy-bitsy bit of a min.
23. Toronto-born actor grandfather (b.1883-d.1950) of actress Anjelica: 2 wds.
25. Bellybutton type
27. Scratched
28. Ordinal suffix
29. Quasi
30. 'Pluto' suffix (Rich ruler)
31. Alberta village, 'The Friendly Community'
35. Paddle
37. Cycling routes: 2 wds.
38. Water ___ (Summertime gear)
39. Brooches
42. Track event
44. Li'l old MTV show
47. Singer Ms. Keys
49. "___, are you ready?" (Er, like, hurry up!)
50. Kelly Clarkson's "Since ___ Gone"
51. England's "Run Runaway" band
52. Simple song
53. Took trophy back
57. Canadian cellist Ms. Harnoy
59. Couple
60. "Two guys walk into ___"
63. Math fractions acronym
64. '80s group
65. Sash

Friday's Crossword

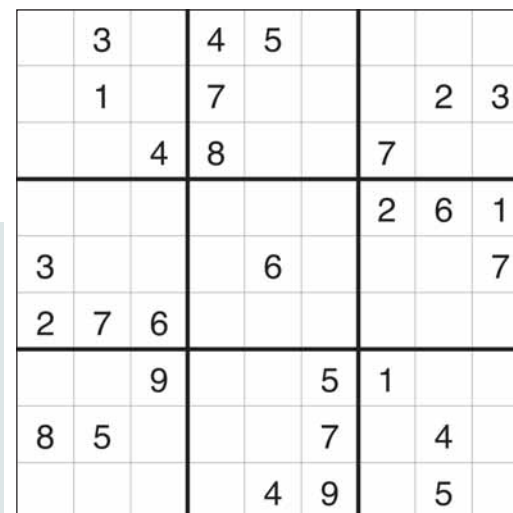
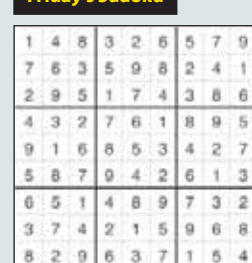


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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Friday's Sudoku



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